

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

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Re: MDL-1695 -- In re Veeco Instruments Inc. Securities Litigation

(See Attached Schedule A of Order)

Dear Mr. McMahon:

I am enclosing a certified copy and one additional copy of a transfer order filed today by the Panel in the above-captioned matter. The order is directed to you for filing.

The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "...transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred."

A copy of Rule 1.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 428 (2001), which deals specifically with the transfer of files, is enclosed for your convenience. Also enclosed are a complete set of the Panel Rules and a copy of Chapter 7 of Volume 4 of the Clerks Manual, United States District Courts.

The Panel Clerk's Office maintains the only statistical accounting of multidistrict litigation traffic in the federal courts. These statistics are used by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Conference. Therefore, your cooperation in keeping the Panel advised of the progress of this litigation would be appreciated. We are particularly interested in receiving the docket numbers assigned to each transferred action by your court; the caption and docket numbers of all actions originally filed in your district; and copies of orders regarding appointment of liaison counsel, settlements, dismissals, state court remands, and reassessments to other judges in your district.

Your attention is also directed to Panel Rule 7.6, regarding termination and remand of transferred actions. Upon notification from your court of a finding by the transferee judge that Section 1407 remand of a transferred action is appropriate, this office will promptly file a conditional remand order.

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For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Panel Attorney Service List.

Very truly,

Michael J. Beck
Clerk of the Panel

By 
Deputy Clerk

Enclosures

cc w/all enclosures (Chapter 7 of Volume 4 of the Clerks Manual, U.S. District Courts, Rule 1.6, R.P.J.P.M.L., transfer order, Panel Attorney Service List, and complete Panel Rules):

Transferee Judge: Judge Colleen McMahon

cc w/order only: Transferee Chief Judge: Judge Michael B. Mukasey

cc w/order and Rule 1.6, R.P.J.P.M.L.:

Transferor Clerk(s): Robert C. Heinemann

Transferor Judge(s): Judge Leonard D. Wexler
 Judge Denis R. Hurley
 Judge Joanna Seybert

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JUDICIAL PANEL ON
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION**

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DOCKET NO. 1695FILED
CLERK'S OFFICE**BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION****IN RE VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION**

BEFORE WM. TERRELL HODGES, CHAIRMAN, JOHN F. KEENAN, D. LOWELL JENSEN, J. FREDERICK MOTZ,* ROBERT L. MILLER, JR., KATHRYN H. VRATIL AND DAVID R. HANSEN, JUDGES OF THE PANEL

TRANSFER ORDER

This litigation currently consists of ten actions listed on the attached Schedule A and pending in two districts as follows: eight actions in the Eastern District of New York and two actions in the Southern District of New York. Before the Panel is a motion by defendants Veeco Instruments Inc. (Veeco), Edward H. Braun, and John F. Rein, Jr., for centralization, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, of these actions in the latter district. All responding parties agree that Section 1407 centralization is appropriate. Disagreement exists, however, concerning selection of the transferee forum. Proposed lead plaintiff in actions in both districts, NECA-IBEW Pension Fund (The Decatur Plan), suggests the Eastern District of New York as an appropriate transferee district.

On the basis of the papers filed and hearing session held, the Panel finds that these ten actions involve common questions of fact, and that centralization under Section 1407 in the Southern District of New York will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. These actions share factual questions arising from alleged misrepresentations or omissions concerning Veeco's financial condition and accounting practices. Centralization under Section 1407 is necessary in order to eliminate duplicative discovery, prevent inconsistent pretrial rulings (especially with respect to questions of class certification), and conserve the resources of the parties, their counsel and the judiciary.

We are persuaded that the Southern District of New York is an appropriate transferee forum for this litigation. The Southern District of New York i) contains the first-filed action; and ii) has more favorable caseload statistics than the Eastern District of New York.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, the actions listed on the attached Schedule A and pending in the Eastern District of New York are transferred to the Southern District of New York and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Colleen McMahon

* Judge Motz took no part in the decision of this matter.

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for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the actions pending in that district and listed on Schedule A.

FOR THE PANEL:

Wm. Terrell Hodges

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Chairman

SCHEDULE A

MDL-1695 -- In re Veeco Instruments Inc. Securities Litigation

Eastern District of New York

Andrew McIntosh v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-889
Barry Linzer v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-957
Bruce Kantor v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-967
George Walker v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-1003
Philip G. Collins v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-1277
Servaas Holthuizen v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-1337
Gerald J. Vogt, et al. v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-1430
Timothy Joe Grove v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:05-1552

Southern District of New York

L.I.S.T., Inc. v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 7:05-2189
Roy P. Kershaw v. Veeco Instruments Inc., et al., C.A. No. 7:05-2929

RULE 1.6: TRANSFER OF FILES

(a) Upon receipt of a certified copy of a transfer order from the clerk of the transferee district court, the clerk of the transferor district court shall forward to the clerk of the transferee district court the complete original file and a certified copy of the docket sheet for each transferred action.

(b) If an appeal is pending, or a notice of appeal has been filed, or leave to appeal has been sought under 28 U.S.C. §1292(b) or a petition for an extraordinary writ is pending, in any action included in an order of transfer under 28 U.S.C. §1407, and the original file or parts thereof have been forwarded to the court of appeals, the clerk of the transferor district court shall notify the clerk of the court of appeals of the order of transfer and secure the original file long enough to prepare and transmit to the clerk of the transferee district court a certified copy of all papers contained in the original file and a certified copy of the docket sheet.

(c) If the transfer order provides for the separation and simultaneous remand of any claim, cross-claim, counterclaim, or third-party claim, the clerk of the transferor district court shall retain the original file and shall prepare and transmit to the clerk of the transferee district court a certified copy of the docket sheet and copies of all papers except those relating exclusively to separated and remanded claims.

(d) Upon receipt of an order to remand from the Clerk of the Panel, the transferee district court shall prepare and send to the clerk of the transferor district court the following:

- (i) a certified copy of the individual docket sheet for each action being remanded;
- (ii) a certified copy of the master docket sheet, if applicable;
- (iii) the entire file for each action being remanded, as originally received from the transferor district court and augmented as set out in this rule;
- (iv) a certified copy of the final pretrial order, if applicable; and
- (v) a "record on remand" to be composed of those parts of the files and records produced during coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings which have been stipulated to or designated by counsel as being necessary for any or all proceedings to be conducted following remand. It shall be the responsibility of counsel originally preparing or filing any document to be included in the "record on remand" to furnish on request sufficient copies to the clerk of the transferee district court.

(e) The Clerk of the Panel shall be notified when any files have been transmitted pursuant to this Rule.